

between new technology and old laws. It is a matter of high importance to Internet users. A new poll found that 79 percent of frequent Internet users believe that "copyright laws should not infringe on an individual's access to the music that they have legally purchased." Our legislation will ensure that this wholly legitimate public expectation is not thwarted.

Those same Internet users understand the responsibility that consumers have to pay legitimate royalties to the artists whose music they enjoy. Approximately the same majority of those surveyed (78 percent) said that the sharing and swapping of music which has not been purchased or without the consent of the artist or record company should not be permitted.

Our legislation, the Music Owners' Listening Rights Act of 2000, makes the Internet based transmission of a personal interactive performance (PIP) of a sound recording acceptable under copyright law. Simply stated, a consumer who lawfully owns a work of music, such as a CD, will be able to store it on the Internet and then downstream it for personal use at a time and place of his choosing.

This technology makes it possible for people to travel from one place to another without needing to carry their record collection with them. Instead, they will be able to turn on a computer or other Internet connection device and gain immediate access to their music through the services of an Internet music provider. After the consumer shows proof of ownership of the music, he will be able to listen to it streamed to him over the Internet from any place that he has Internet access. Consumers would not be able to transfer music to someone else or use the music for commercial purposes under the provisions of our legislation.

Since the only people who will be able to use the provision we are proposing have already purchased the music, the song writers, recording artists and record labels will lose not a penny in sales. The person who purchases music will, however, have a new opportunity to listen to his music from any place that he has Internet access.

The new Internet application that enables purchasers to listen to their music from a variety of locations is a major advance. It offers greater mobility and convenience to those who purchase music while not depriving music creators of sales. We believe that the technology which gives rise to this new convenience should be encouraged, and our legislation will remove legacy copyright restrictions which were written for a different era and that threaten to strangle the technology in its infancy.

It is our hope that other Members of the House will join us in recognizing the significant opportunities this new generation of technology holds and in recognizing the tremendous new consumer convenience this new Internet application makes possible.

The co-sponsorship of our measure by other Members is welcome.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR M. ADELA "DELL" EADS' OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the end of an era in the government of my home state of Connecticut. With the retirement of State of Senator M. Adela "Dell" Eads, the Connecticut Legislature is losing more than just a valued and respected member, it is losing a woman who represents the best that Connecticut has to offer, the epitome of the finest tradition of public service.

With over 24 years of service in the Connecticut State Legislature, Dell has left her mark on countless pieces of landmark legislation. From her work to establish the Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate to her leadership on welfare reform, Dell always championed the cause of Connecticut's children and families and acted to protect their interests.

But while Dell's legislature accomplishments are too numerous to mention, the one quality she will be remembered for is clear: Leadership. Whether it was as leader of the Republican caucus or as President Pro Tem of the Senate, Dell commanded the respect of adversaries and allies alike. Her career in the legislature is a testament to the fact that civility, intelligence, integrity and strength are qualities that can be found in one individual. Such a public servant is a gift to be treasured in a democracy.

Connecticut and our country are the beneficiaries of the outstanding service provided by M. Adela Eads. I have been privileged to serve with her and to enjoy her friendship as well. I wish her all the best for a happy, healthy and productive retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. RAMON L. YARBOROUGH

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and extend my most sincere best wishes to Mr. Ramon L. Yarbrough, President of Fayetteville Publishing Company and publisher of The Fayetteville Observer, who will be retiring at the end of September after 35 years of service to the citizens of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Yarbrough, a native Fayetteville, began working at Fayetteville Publishing in September 1965 as its Vice President. Under his leadership, the company has expanded greatly and experienced large growth. Today, Fayetteville Publishing's properties include The Fayetteville Observer, the Fayetteville Online website, and the Carolina Trader. It also prints various other publications, including the Carolina Flyer at Pope Air Force Base and the Paraglide at Fort Bragg.

Throughout his entire career, Mr. Yarbrough not only has worked hard to achieve enormous success within his company, but he also has generously shared his many talents to make this community a better place to live for all. As an active participant in civic and community affairs, Mr. Yarbrough serves on various boards and foundations, including the Methodist College Board of Trustees, North Carolina Community College Foundation, Cumberland Community Foundation, the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, and the North Carolina Press Association. He is also a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club.

Jim Rohn once said, "whoever renders service to many puts himself in line for greatness . . . great return, great satisfaction, great reputation, and great joy." The life of Mr. Yarbrough has indeed been one exemplified by greatness—a greatness defined by his service to others.

As he enters this next stage of his life, I am confident that Mr. Yarbrough's talents and energies will continue to be of benefit to many. Through his commitment to his family, community, and church, Mr. Yarbrough will forever be remembered and appreciated for his distinguished career and service. Now, it is his turn to enjoy the good life he has given to so many. May God's strength, peace, and joy be with Mr. Yarbrough always.

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL G. FREDMAN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, today I express my great admiration for Judge Samuel G. Fredman, a man of high principle, piercing intelligence, and boundless commitment to service.

Admitted to the Bar more than fifty years ago, Judge Fredman has always expressed a burning passion for the law and for the enduring principles upon which it is based. First in private practice, and then as a New York State Supreme Court Justice, Judge Fredman has been universally recognized for his integrity, decency, and legal acumen.

Judge Fredman's contributions to our community, however, extend far beyond his professional obligations. He has been among the great political leaders in Westchester's history, chairing the Westchester County Democratic Committee, helping to lead the New York State Democratic Committee, and inspiring countless men and women to seek public office.

At the same time, Judge Fredman has devoted considerable time and energy to a wide variety of community organizations. Whether raising funds for the White Plains Hospital, helping to shape the charters of White Plains and Westchester, building support for local libraries, or leading the Westchester Jewish Conference, Judge Fredman commands the trust and respect of all with whom he works.

It is entirely fitting that Judge Fredman should be recognized for a lifetime of remarkable service and for the high ideals he so